

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER**  
**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**Instructions**

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:  
[Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov)
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

*PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.*

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**Project Details**

**1. Project title:**

Small Fruits Initiative – Plant Improvement

**2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):**

Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research  
4845 B SW Dresden Ave. • Corvallis, Oregon 97333

**3. Contact information**

- a. **Project's primary contact:** Philip Gütt
- b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** 541-758-4043
- c. **Email Address:** pnwa@comcast.net
- d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): Corvallis, Oregon; Mt. Vernon, Washington; Prosser, Washington; Parma, Idaho

**4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**

The Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research is a tri-state consortium operated through Oregon State University, Washington State University, University of Idaho and USDA-ARS. It was established to enhance profitability and sustainability of the small fruits industry in the Pacific Northwest through research in genetics, pest management, berry and grape processing, production/physiology, and wine processing, and through technology transfer.

**5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity? Public**

**6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**  
United States Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service

**7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

Small Fruit Pathology \$500,000. \$400,000 for research post and pre harvest plant pathology to address disease and pest issues including botrytis, alternaria and fruit flies to increase shelf life and marketability. ARS research scientist, one full time technician, greenhouse, office and laboratory space and \$100,000 for specific cooperative agreement for a technical support position.

Site Feasibility Study and Phase 1 Design for Additional or New Research Facilities. \$350,000 for a full assessment, strategic evaluation and functional analysis of current facilities and infrastructure.

Collaborative Research Grants. \$500,000 will be used for the competitive grants program peer reviewed small fruits research projects.

**8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

Small Fruit Pathology: The PNW is a major producer of small fruit crops. These crops are susceptible to infection by fungal and bacterial diseases which significantly impact fruit quality of all crops.

Eliminating fruit diseases requires a greater understanding of the biology of these pathogens.

Site Feasibility Study and Phase I Design for Additional or New Research Facilities: Current facilities are overcrowded, with some needing replacement and other's in need of an upgrade. The feasibility study is needed to determine the best approach - to either upgrade and expand existing facilities or to build a new research facility.

Cooperative Research Grants: The cooperative grants program funds peer reviewed research projects that support food safety, nutrition and health, international competitiveness, and environmental safety.

**9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? Yes**

**9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

FY2010 Funding Amount: \$275,000 USDA ARS

FY2009 Funding Amount: \$254,000 USDA ARS

FY2008: Funding Amount:\$0

FY2007: Funding Amount: \$0

FY2006: Funding Amount:\$0

FY2005: Funding Amount:\$0

FY2004: Funding Amount: \$201,300 USDA ARS

**Funding Details**

**10. Amount requested for this project: \$1,350,000**

**11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

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**12. What is the total cost of the project?** \$2,570,000

**13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)?** Yes

**14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)**

Oregon Strawberry Commission \$79,530  
Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission \$238,215  
Oregon Blueberry Commission \$132,000  
Oregon Wine Board \$234,000  
Oregon Cranberry Growers Association \$10,000  
Concord Grape Research Council \$111,504  
Washington Red Raspberry Commission \$420,000  
Washington Strawberry Commission \$53,694  
Washington Blueberry Commission \$101,764  
Washington Wine Commission \$835,000  
WA Wine Commission Wine Advisory Committee \$477,110  
Idaho Grape & Wine Commissions \$50,000  
TOTAL: \$2,742,817

**15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.**

Larry Curtis, Associate Dean, Oregon State University 541-737-1915  
Bryan Ostlund, Oregon Blueberry Commission, 503-364-2944  
Philip Gütt, Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission, 541-758-4043  
Philip Gütt, Oregon Strawberry Commission, 541-758-4043  
Ted Farthing, Oregon Wine Board, 503-228-8336 x24  
Ralph Cavalieri, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Washington State University 509-335-4563  
Henry Bierlink, Executive Director, Washington Red Raspberry Commission, 360-354-8767  
Alan Schreiber, Executive Director, Washington Blueberry Commission, 509-266-4300  
Vicki Scharlau, Executive Director, Washington Wine Industry Foundation, 509-782-8234  
Robin Pollard, Executive Director, Washington Wine Commission, 206-667-9463 x202  
Walter Swenson, Administrator, Washington Strawberry Commission, 360-352-1236  
Donn Thill, Director & Associate Dean, University of Idaho 208-885-6666  
Moya Shatz, Idaho Wine Commission, 208-455-8354

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